





"The extra pickup on that Jazzmaster is from a Woolworth's Top 20. I took it in to record our first album, along with a little WEM combo amp.

Chris Parry, who was paying for the record, said, 'You can't use that!' We went out and bought a Fender Jazzmaster, and I immediately had the Top 20 pickup installed into it"

Robert Smith

The Crow Hill Company thanks you for your purchase. We're a motley crew of music makers who want to make tools, resources and a whole network that we know will be of use, not imagine.

Everyday working as professional musicians, songwriters and composers gives us new challenges. New "what ifs" and "if only's". Guitar Hive is no exception here and something we hope you agree becomes a "don't know how I ever did without it".

FILTH is a sub-range of Crow Hill products produced and recorded at the Annex in Edinburgh, Scotland. It is our safe house packed with vintage equipment, rarefied instruments, synths, processing, and potential. Our main emphasis with filth is to create more experimental sample projects that think out of the box and are the very antithesis 'virtual instruments'. We see them more like a creative thread that we have handed over to you to weave into your work.

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WELCOME

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If The Cure, Cocteau Twins, Brian Eno's work with Daniel Lanois and The Edge, Pat Metheny's work with Steve Reich on "Electric Counterpoint" are your thing. If you use your shoes to gaze at more than walk on, we think you've come to the right place.

Performed by Theo Le Derf, all guitars are meticulously recorded D.I. via a pristine 'Thermionic - Rooster' line-amp. we have then mixed his guitars through countless processors to give you control over the uncontrollable, and what we all yearn here at crow hill. utter filth.

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Installation of Crow Hill products couldn't be easier courtesy of our dedicated installer app.

Make sure you have this downloaded as you will require this to install Glass Strings.

We've also prepared a simple overview of how the app works but also a suite of quick installation guides specific to your choice of DAW.

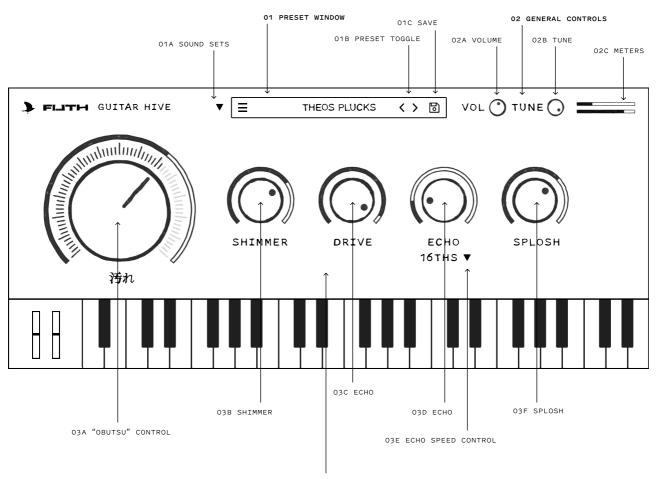
Everything you'll need is located here:

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FRONT PANEL OVERVIEW

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03 CURATED PROCESSING CONTROLS

01 PRESET WINDOW

O1A SOUND SETS - OPENS A LIST OF INSTRUMENTS. THIS IS WHERE YOU CAN 'UN-FUSE' THE 4 ELECTRIC PIANO AND SELECT THE INDIVIDUAL COMPONENTS (AS THE "W" PIANO IS ONLY THE UPPER DYNAMIC LAYERS WE OMITTED THIS AS IT IS MERELY A LAYER AND NOT WORTHY AS A STANDALONE"

O1B PRESET TOGGLE - TAKES YOU TO NEXT OR PREVIOUS PRESET

O1C SAVE - SAVE YOUR OWN SETTINGS

02 GENERAL CONTROLS

02A VOLUME - ADJUSTS VOLUME OF THIS INSTANCE OF THE PLUGIN.

02B TUNE - CHANGES THE TUNING ON YOUR INSTRUMENT (DOUBLE CLICK RETURNS YOU TO "HOME" POSITION.

02C METERS - TELLS YOU SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH YOUR ROUTING IF YOU CAN SEE SOMETHING BUT CAN'T HEAR IT.

03 PROCESSING CONTROLS

O3A OBUTSU! - THIS IS BASICALLY YOUR "FILTH" DIAL. THE FILTH DIAL LETS YOU EFFORTLESSLY TRANSFORM YOUR SOUND, FROM A TASTEFUL AND PURE D.I TO A CRUNCHY DELUXE AMPLIFIER, ALL THE WAY TO OVERDRIVEN FEEDBACK AND TEMPO SYNC'D TREMOLO.

03B SHIMMER - A DUAL DIRECTION GRANULAR PITCH SHIFT FED INTO A MASSIVE REVERB CHAMBER, CREATING A CASCADING SHIMMERING VEIL OF TONE.

03C DRIVE - A UNMISTAKABLY CRUNCHY SIGNAL, MODELLED AFTER A TUBE AMP THAT HAS BEEN UTTERLY MISUSED.

03D ECHO - MULTI-TAP DELAY WHICH SYNCS TO YOUR HOST TEMPO.

03E ECHO SPEED CONTROL - DETERMINES WHAT SUBDIVISION OF THE BEAT THE REPEATS PLAY AT.

 ${\tt O3F}$ - ${\tt SPLOSH}$ - A SUITABLY REASONABLE DECAYING REVERB FOR ALL YOUR ROOMY NEEDS.

BEST USE FOR DIFFERENT SCALES / MODES

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Guitar Hive has been recorded in D - Dorian. This is basically the most popular mode you'll find in modern music from pop, to film. This doesn't however restrict you to one key or mode.

By changing your playing or the overall tuning of the instrument you can play in any key you wish. By default, if playing one of our performance-based sound sets that feature Gestures, we would recommend utilising the white notes on your keyboard or piano roll for the most musical result.

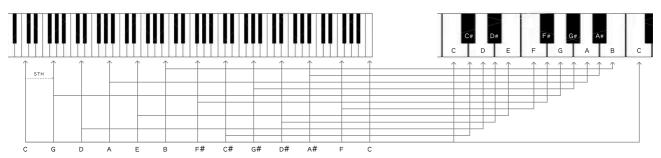
Use the guide below to determine any required global tuning changes.

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Whilst we won't attempt to explain one of the more complex fundamentals of music theory, we do want you to get the best out of your purchase. So, gestures and scales. How do these work?

Throughout pre-history we sang in monody (imagine monks in a church), either on our own without accompaniment or indeed in unison (all together singing the same thing). When women and men sang together the first interval was discovered, the octave. Men's voices are roughly an octave deeper than those of women's, girls and boys whose voices have not broken. On a stringed instrument it is the halving or doubling of the frequency of the note pitch.

Around the 10th century AD the fifth started to appear in music, then the 4th and the 3rd. But it was really the fifth that was the disrupter as when you travel up from say a C through all the fifths you end up at C again after 12 steps. Arrange these 12 5th notes in "scale order" ie side by side and you get the 12 notes of the chromatic scale... or more accurately, 11 notes before the thing repeats itself.



To our human ears we tend to prefer tonal to chromatic music. This is music where the frequencies that play against each other are most complimentary. Where the vibrations are simple subdivisions, not complex ones. Which is why we use scales of 7 notes to create more tonal and emotionally relatable music.

The way of determining a scale is its tonic. Basically the note you return to the most. A scale is defined by its relationship to that tone.

When looking at a keyboard playing all the white notes and returning to the "C" will give you the most pleasant tonal character. It is the thing of nursery rhymes and Christmas carols. However it has a darker twin, if you play all the white notes but return to the "A" most of the time you will have a sadder tonal quality. The "C" scale is a major one, the "A" is a Minor (strictly speaking a diminished minor). These are both modes, and there's not just two, there's seven.

Without shifting the key of any gestures you are playing you can alter the tonal character of the music by simply changing the tonic whilst playing just the white notes. Modes have funny names too. 7 white notes, 7 tonics, 7 modes.

- C-C = IONIAN Our major, joyful, happy scale.
- D-D = DORIAN Minor in sound but more sophisticated (very popular in Hollywood)
- E-E = PHRYGIAN Exotic fruits, mysterious and unfamiliar.
- F-F = LYDIAN Super popular in Hollywood, positive with a questioning nature.
- G-G = MIXOLYDIAN Like a major version of Dorian, major but cooler.
- A-A = AEOLIAN The saddest of modes our "minor" or strictly speaking "diminished minor"
- B-B = LOCRIAN Dissonant, but not sad, unstable.

TROUBLESHOOTING

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I Can't Hear Anything!

As much as we all love John Cage, we are sure you want to hear your instrument. Included in each instrument are a few utilities that can be used to diagnose some likely causes.

Each plug-in has a combination of ways to control the overall volume.

- Ensure Expression (CC11) is at its maximum value.
- If included, check that the mixer controls are not set to -Infinity or muted (m).
- Check that your Master Output Volume is not set to its minimum value (-Infinity). This can be quickly checked by looking at the Volume Meter, which should be moving while sound is passing through your instrument.

Still no luck?

If you have tried the above and still hear nothing, the onscreen MIDI keyboard can be directly played by Left-Clicking a piano key in the user interface.

If you can now hear the instrument then the issue is likely the connection between your MIDI keyboard and your workstation's associated track.

Ensure there are no loose connections, triple-check your MIDI input settings, and remember to arm your track.

Help! My Plug-In's interface is entirely blank.

Don't worry. Looks can be deceiving, this means the plug-in is unable to locate the audio (.blob) files.

Ensure your external drives are connected and restart your digital audio workstation (D.A.W).

Unable to locate your .blob files, lost track of where you installed them, or had the misfortune of misplacing a drive? Simply re-run the installer to be up and running in no time.

We recommend frequent back-ups of your system, as well as archiving your instrument installer files to ensure a speedy recovery should it ever be needed.

How Do I Relocate My Instruments Audio Files?

The simplest way to relocate your instrument's audio files (.blob) is to delete the previous files (where you previously installed your .blob's) and re-run the installer, selecting the newly desired install location.

This ensures no files are accidentally removed and will automatically overwrite any pre-existing instrument files.

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But most of all, to you for buying it. Without you we wouldn't get to play with such a wonderful train set.

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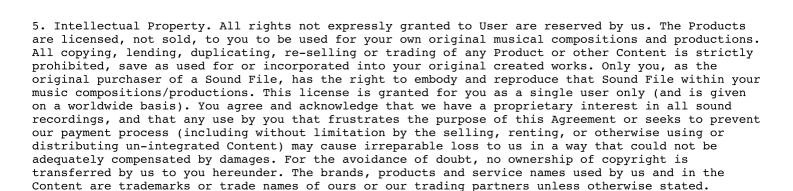


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